Group had, *inter alia*, suggested the setting up of a separate coordinating agency to serve as developmental-cum-promotional agency for the industry. The report of the Working Group is under active examination.

Index of workers earnings

1553. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the index number of money earnings and real earnings of the workers earning upto Rs. 1000 per month, year-wise, from 1960-61 to 1984-85; and

(b) the rate of growth or decline (in per cent) in real earnings of these workers yearwise, from 1960-61 to 1984-85?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) A statement indicating the indices of money and real earnings of the workers earning less than Rs. 400 p.m. for the year 1961 to 1975 and of those earnings less than Rs. 1000/- p.m. for the year 1976 to 1980 alongwith the rate of growth or decline (in per cent) over the previous year in real earning is enclosed. The figures for the subsequent years are not available yet.

Statement

Index Numbers of Money Earnings and Real Earnings of workers in Manufacturing Industries

Year	All India C.P.I. Numbers	Index Numbers of money earnings	Index Numbers of real earnings	Percentage rise or fall in real earnings.
1	2	3	4	5
(a) For workers earning less than Rs. 400/- per month Base : 1961-100				
1962	103	106	103	(+)3·00
1963	106	109	103	—
1964	121	114	94	(—)8·74
1965	132	128	97	(+)3·19
1966	146	139	95	(—)2·06
1967	166	151	91	(—)4.21
1968	171	160	94	(+)3.30
1969	169	170	101	(+)7·45
1970	178	180	101	—
1971	183	185	101	—
1972	194	199	103	(+)1·98
1973	228	210	92	(—)10.68
1974	293	207	71	(—)22·83
1975	310	207	67	(—)5·63

1	2	3	4	5
(b) For workers earning less than 1000/- per month Base : 1976=100				
1977	108	112	104	(+)4 00
1978	111	118	106	(+)1.92
1979	118	124	105	(—)0 94
1980	132	137	107	(—)0 95

Persons convicted under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955

1554. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons arrested and convicted under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 Statewise during the years 1983-84 and 1985-86; and

(b) the value of goods confiscated during the same period, Statewise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) The requisite information is given in the enclosed statement I and II.

Statement-I

Number of persons arrested convicted and value of goods confiscated during the year 1983-84.

(Rs. in lakhs)

States/UTs.	No. of persons arrested	No. of persons convicted	Value of goods confiscated
1 2	3	4	5
1. Andhra Pradesh	1437	13	93.20
2. Assam	3	—	—
3. Bihar	818	63	161.34
4. Gujarat	4	40	2 8 52
5. Haryana	361	—	43-47
6. Himachal Pradesh	25	13	0.48
7. Jammu & Kashmir	685	22	1.88
8. Karnataka	683	7	544.01
9. Kerala		—	23 62
10. Madhya Pradesh	184	17	27.08
11. Maharashtra	549	9	23.21
12. Manipur		NIL	—
13. Nagaland		NIL	
14. Meghalaya	—	NIL	